

## FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT

### Stochastic Forcing of Quasi-Geostrophic Eddies (ONR Contract #: N00014-91-J-1778)

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The overall objective of this project was to understand to what extent the low frequency variability in the ocean is due to stochastic atmospheric forcing. Specifically, the project aimed at:

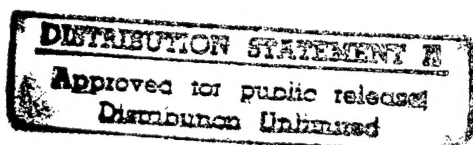
- confirming the notion that most of the large-scale barotropic quasi-geostrophic eddy field in the deep ocean away from unstable mean currents is stochastically forced by fluctuations in the atmospheric windstress, and
- exploring the extent to which the low frequency variability found in coupled ocean-atmosphere general circulation models is stochastically forced.

The following specific tasks were completed:

- Determination of the Green's function for barotropic Rossby waves in a basin, channel, and an infinite ocean.
- Comparison of coherence maps observed during BEMPEX (Barotropic Electromagnetic and Pressure Experiment) with those obtained from a stochastic forcing model developed by the PI
- Analysis of the output from a 1000y run of a coupled ocean-atmosphere general circulation model (the Millennium run) and comparison with the stochastic forcing model developed by PI.

The results have been, or will be published in:

1. Lippert, A. and P. Müller, 1995: Direct atmospheric forcing of geostrophic eddies, Part II: Coherence maps. *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, **25**, 106-121.
2. Müller, P., 1996: Stochastic forcing of quasi-geostrophic eddies. In: *Stochastic Modeling in Physical Oceanography*. Birkhäuser. (accepted)
3. Müller, P., 1996: Stochastic forcing of oceanic motions. In: *Stochastic Models in Geosystems*. IMA volumes, Springer-Verlag. (accepted)
4. Frankignoul, C., P. Muller, and E. Zorita, 1996: A simple model of the decadal response of the ocean to stochastic wind forcing. *J. Phys. Oceanogr.* (to be submitted)



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